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In re application of:

Yoshihiro NAKAHIRA

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**Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.121**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

A check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed for a one-month extension of time, which is hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a). If no check accompanies this paper, authorization is granted to charge our Deposit Account No. 22-0261 for any necessary fees. In response to the Office Action dated April 23, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 20 of this paper.